

Moran Calls on President Obama to Reject Additional Tax Hikes

Expresses Opposition to Value-Added Tax

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Jerry Moran joined more than a dozen Members of Congress in calling on President Obama to reject additional tax increases, and expressing their strong opposition to recent statements by White House senior economic adviser Paul Volcker. Last week, Mr. Volcker suggested that the U.S. government consider raising taxes to bring budget deficits under control. More specifically, he suggested the U.S. adopt a “value-added tax,” similar to those charged in Europe. A value-added tax would be an additional tax added by retailers on goods and services and would be paid equally by individuals at all income levels.

“As tax day approaches, we are reminded that American taxpayers will work more than three months this year before they have earned enough to pay their annual federal, state and local taxes. Kansans are working hard every day to get by during these difficult economic times and the last thing they need is an additional series of taxes that will threaten job creation and slow down our economic recovery,” said Moran.

In the letter, congressional members expressed their concern that “raising taxes will only result

in additional hardship for America's families and workers ... and will do little to get our deficits under control over the long-term." Moran joined his colleagues in asking President Obama to "publicly reject a European-style value-added tax and pledge to work with Congress to reduce federal spending and put our Nation on a glide path toward real debt reduction without increasing taxes."

[Click here](#) to read the full text of the letter sent to President Obama. Moran is a member of the Americans for Tax Reform's Anti-VAT Caucus.

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